

but that the attached committee substitute do pass and be printed in the Journal.

WITT, Chairman.

(Minority Report.)

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, June 5, 1923.

Hon. T. W. Davidson, President of the Senate.

Sir: I, a minority of your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred H. B. No. 67, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, with an amendment dividing the taxes collected as a result of the bill between the school fund and the fund for the improvement of public roads and highways.

STRONG.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, June 5, 1923.

Hon. T. W. Davidson, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 77, A bill to be entitled "An Act making appropriations to pay salaries of judges, and the support of the Judicial Department of the State Government for the two years beginning September 1, 1923, and ending August 31, 1925."

Have had same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, but be not printed.

WOOD, Chairman.

FOURTEENTH DAY.

Senate Chamber,

Austin, Texas,

Wednesday, June 6, 1923.

The Senate met at 10 o'clock a. m. pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by Lieutenant Governor T. W. Davidson.

The roll was called, a quorum being present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Railey.	Darwin.
Baugh.	Doyle.
Bowers.	Floyd.
Burkett.	Holbrook.
Clark.	Lewis.
Cousins.	McMillin.

Murphy.	Strong.
Parr.	Stuart.
Pollard.	Thomas.
Rice.	Wood.
Ridgeway.	Woods.
Rogers.	Wirtz.
Turner.	Witt.

Absent—Excused.

Bledsoe.	Fairchild.
Davis.	Watts.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Pending the reading of the Journal of yesterday, the same was dispensed with on motion of Senator Strong.

Excused.

Senator Watts for yesterday and until Monday, on account of important business, on motion of Senator Wood.

H. B. No. 9 on Second Reading.

The Chair laid before the Senate as regular order, on second reading.

H. B. No. 9, A bill to be entitled "An Act levying and providing for the payment of a State occupation tax on the mining and production of sulphur by any method, system or manner, within this State; requiring reports to be made and records to be kept by those engaged in the business, and providing for the inspection thereof by certain public officials, their employees or representatives; prescribing penalties for the failure to comply with provisions of this Act; providing for the payment of interest, penalties and costs by certain officials; fixing the venue therefor and the compensation of officials for said services; repealing House Bill No. 328 passed at the Regular Session of the Thirty-eighth Legislature, levying an occupation tax on the production of sulphur, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time.

Senator Witt moved to adopt the minority report that the bill pass with amendment reducing the tax to 2 per cent.

Senator Holbrook moved to adopt the majority report carrying amendments.

Senator Wirtz moved to postpone further consideration of the bill indefinitely.

Senator Floyd moved to lay the bill on the table subject to call, and the motion was lost.

Senator Clark moved the previous question on the motion to postpone and the passage of the bill to third reading, and the main question was ordered.

Question first recurred on the motion to postpone indefinitely.

Yeas and nays were demanded, and the motion lost by the following vote:

Yeas—4.

Holbrook.	Strong.
Murphy.	Wirtz.

Nays—21.

Bailey.	Pollard.
Baugh.	Rice.
Bowers.	Ridgeway.
Burkett.	Rogers.
Clark.	Stuart.
Darwin.	Thomas.
Doyle.	Turner.
Floyd.	Witt.
Lewis.	Wood.
McMillin.	Woods.
Parr.	

Present—Not Voting.

Cousins.

Absent—Excused.

Bledsoe.	Fairchild.
Davis.	Watts.

Question then recurred on the motion to adopt the majority report carrying amendments.

Yeas and nays were demanded, and the motion was lost by the following vote:

Yeas—6.

Bailey.	Strong.
Holbrook.	Thomas.
Murphy.	Wirtz.

Nays—19.

Baugh.	Pollard.
Bowers.	Rice.
Burkett.	Ridgeway.
Clark.	Rogers.
Cousins.	Stuart.
Darwin.	Turner.
Doyle.	Witt.
Lewis.	Wood.
McMillin.	Woods.
Parr.	

Absent—Excused.

Bledsoe.	Watts.
Davis.	

7—Senate.

(Pair Recorded.)

Senator Floyd (present), who would vote yea; with Senator Fairchild (absent), who would vote nay.

The minority report carrying amendment was then adopted.

Question: Shall H. B. No. 9 be passed to third reading?

Yeas and nays were demanded and the bill was passed to third reading by the following vote:

Yeas—18.

Bailey.	Parr.
Baugh.	Rice.
Bowers.	Ridgeway.
Burkett.	Rogers.
Clark.	Stuart.
Darwin.	Turner.
Doyle.	Witt.
Lewis.	Wood.
McMillin.	Woods.

Nays—8.

Cousins.	Pollard.
Floyd.	Strong.
Holbrook.	Thomas.
Murphy.	Wirtz.

Absent—Excused.

Bledsoe.	Fairchild.
Davis.	Watts.

H. B. No. 9—Motion to Suspend the Constitutional Rule.

Senator Witt moved to suspend the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each House and place H. B. No. 9 on its third reading and final passage.

The motion was lost by the following vote, not receiving the necessary four-fifths majority:

Yeas—19.

Bailey.	Parr.
Baugh.	Rice.
Bowers.	Ridgeway.
Burkett.	Rogers.
Clark.	Stuart.
Cousins.	Turner.
Darwin.	Witt.
Doyle.	Wood.
Lewis.	Woods.
McMillin.	

Nays—7.

Floyd.	Strong.
Holbrook.	Thomas.
Murphy.	Wirtz.
Pollard.	

Absent—Excused.

Bledsoe.
Davis.

Fairchild.
Watts.

H. B. No. 22 on Second Reading.

The Chair laid before the Senate as regular order, on second reading.

H. B. No. 22, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Subdivision (1) of Section 1 of an Act authorizing and empowering certain municipalities of this State to fix and prescribe the annual salaries or compensation of their city or corporation judge, city attorney and city auditor, at not exceeding a maximum amount thereof and declaring an emergency, being House Bill No. 101, Chapter 21 of the General Laws of Texas, approved June 17, 1920, and effective June 17, 1923, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time, and on motion of Senator Wood, was laid on the table subject to call.

H. B. No. 25 on Second Reading.

The Chair laid before the Senate as regular order, on second reading.

H. B. No. 25, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Section 13 of Article 7255, Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, 1911, imposing an occupation tax upon theatrical, dramatic and musical comedy shows and amusements for which pay for admission is demanded or received, and which travel from place to place and give exhibitions, the amount of tax to be determined according to the number of inhabitants in cities and towns affected by this Act and by the amount charged for admission; making certain exemptions from the provisions of this Act, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time, and on motion of Senator Darwin, was laid on the table subject to call.

S. B. No. 4 on Second Reading.

The Chair laid before the Senate as regular order, on its second reading.

S. B. No. 4, A bill to be entitled "An Act making appropriations for

the State Government for two years beginning September 1, 1923, and ending August 31, 1925, and for other purposes and prescribing certain regulations and restrictions in respect thereto; and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time.

On motion of Senator Bailey, it was ordered that the bill be considered by departments, and subdivisions thereof.

Senator Murphy offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend S. B. No. 4, page 2, line 27, by striking out the figures "\$500" in each column and inserting in lieu thereof "\$1,000" in each column.

Recess.

On motion of Senator Clark, the Senate at 12:05 p. m. recessed until 2 p. m. today.

Afternoon Session.

The Senate met at 2 p. m. and was called to order by Lieutenant Governor T. W. Davidson.

S. B. No. 4 on Engrossment.

The Chair laid before the Senate as pending business, on its passage to engrossment, S. B. No. 4, making appropriations for the support of the various departments of the State Government, with amendment by Senator Murphy pending, the same having been under consideration when the Senate recessed at noon.

Senator Floyd moved to table the amendment.

Yeas and nays were demanded, and the motion to table was lost by the following vote:

Yeas—11.

Burkett.	McMillin.
Darwin.	Rice.
Doyle.	Strong.
Fairchild.	Stuart.
Floyd.	Woods.
Holbrook.	

Nays—14.

Bailey.	Clark.
Baugh.	Cousins.
Bowers.	Lewis.

Murphy.
Parr.
Ridgeway.
Rogers.

Thomas.
Turner.
Witt.
Wood.

Absent.

Pollard.
Watts.

Wirtz.

Absent—Excused.

Bledsoe.

Davis.

Question then recurred on the amendment.

Yeas and nays were demanded, and the amendment was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—14.

Baugh.
Bowers.
Clark.
Cousins.
Lewis.
Murphy.
Parr.

Pollard.
Ridgeway.
Rogers.
Thomas.
Turner.
Witt.
Wood.

Nays—13.

Bailey.
Burkett.
Darwin.
Doyle.
Fairchild.
Floyd.
Holbrook.

McMillin.
Rice.
Strong.
Stuart.
Wirtz.
Woods.

Absent.

Watts.

Absent—Excused.

Bledsoe.

Davis.

Senator Fairchild offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend S. B. No. 4, page 3, line 5, by striking out the figures "\$2,000" and inserting in lieu thereof "\$4,000."

Senator Holbrook offered the following substitute for the amendment:

Amend S. B. No. 4, by substituting figures "\$6,000" in line 5, page 3, wherever "\$2,000" occurs.

On motion of Senator Wood, the substitute was tabled.

On motion of Senator Floyd, the amendment was then tabled.

The Executive Department was then adopted.

The Department of State was read.

Senator McMillin offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend S. B. No. 4, page 3, lines 31 and 32, by changing the figures from "\$2,500" to "\$2,250" in each column.

The amendment was adopted.

Senator Holbrook offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend S. B. No. 4, line 30, page 3, by changing the figures "2,750" to "\$2,500" wherever they occur.

The amendment was adopted.

Senator Bowers offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend printed S. B. No. 4, page 4, line 8, by striking out the figures "1,500—\$1,500" and inserting in lieu thereof the figures "\$1,350—\$1,350."

Yeas and nays were demanded, and the amendment was lost by the following vote:

Yeas—10.

Bowers.
Burkett.
Clark.
Floyd.
Holbrook.

McMillin.
Thomas.
Turner.
Wirtz.
Woods.

Nays—15.

Bailey.
Cousins.
Darwin.
Doyle.
Fairchild.
Lewis.
Murphy.
Parr.

Rice.
Ridgeway.
Rogers.
Strong.
Stuart.
Witt.
Wood.

Absent.

Baugh.
Pollard.

Watts.

Absent—Excused.

Bledsoe.

Davis.

Senator Bowers offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend printed S. B. No. 4, page 4, line 9, by striking out the figures "\$1,500—\$1,500" and inserting in lieu thereof the figures "\$1,350—\$1,350."

On motion of Senator Wood, the amendment was tabled.

Senator Bowers offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend printed S. B. No. 4, page 4, line 10, by striking out the figures "\$3,000—\$3,000" and inserting in lieu thereof the figures "\$2,700—\$2,700."

The amendment was lost.

Senator Bowers offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend printed S. B. No. 4, page 4, line 11, by striking out the figures "\$1800—\$1800," and inserting in lieu thereof the figures "\$1650—\$1650."

The amendment was lost.

(Senator Lewis in the Chair.)

Senator Bowers offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend printed S. B. No. 4, page 4, line 12, by striking out the figures "\$1500—\$1500," and inserting in lieu thereof the figures "\$1350—\$1350."

On motion of Senator Fairchild, the amendment was tabled.

Senator Bowers offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend printed S. B. No. 4, page 4, line 16, by striking out the figures "\$600—\$600" and substituting "\$720—\$720."

The amendment was adopted.

The Department of the Secretary of State was passed.

H. B. No. 67—Postponed.

On motion of Senator Wood, H. B. No. 67, which was set as a special order for 3 p. m. today, was postponed and set as a special order after the disposition of H. B. No. 4.

The motion prevailed.

S. B. No. 4 on Engrossment.

The Senate resumed consideration of S. B. No. 4 on its passage to engrossment.

The department of the Adjutant General was read.

Senators Strong and Thomas offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend S. B. No. 4 by striking out all of line 17, page 7.

Senator Wood moved to table the amendment.

Yeas and nays were demanded, and the motion to table prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—15.

Baugh.	Ridgeway.
Bowers.	Rogers.
Burkett.	Stuart.
Clark.	Turner.
Doyle.	Witt.
Holbrook.	Wood.
Lewis.	Woods.
Rice.	

Nays 10.

Cousins.	Murphy.
Darwin.	Parr.
Fairchild.	Strong.
Floyd.	Thomas.
McMillin.	Wirtz.

Absent.

Bailey.	Watts.
Pollard.	

Absent—Excused.

Bledsoe.	Davis.
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Senator Fairchild offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend S. B. No. 4, page 5, line 16, by striking out the figures "\$600.00" each year and inserting in lieu thereof "\$720.00."

The amendment was adopted.

Senator Parr offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend S. B. No. 4, page 7, line 25, by striking out the words "seventy-five" and inserting the words "fifty."

Senator Burkett offered the following substitute for the amendment:

Amend S. B. No. 4, page 7, line 25, by striking out the words "seventy-five" and insert in lieu thereof the word "fifty" and strike out the figures "\$91,456.00" and "\$93,258.00" and insert the figures "\$60,970.66—\$62,172.00."

Senator Stuart moved to table the substitute and the motion was lost.

Question then recurred on the substitute.

Yeas and nays were demanded, and the substitute was lost by the following vote:

Yeas—10.

Burkett.	Murphy.
Darwin.	Parr.
Doyle.	Strong.
Fairchild.	Wirtz.
Holbrook.	Woods.

Nays—13.

Bailey.	Ridgeway.
Baugh.	Rogers.
Bowers.	Stuart.
Clark.	Turner.
Lewis.	Witt.
McMillin.	Wood.
Rice.	

Absent.

Cousins.	Watts.
Floyd.	

Absent—Excused.

Bledsoe.

Davis.

(Pair Recorded.)

Senator Thomas (present), who would vote yea; with Senator Pollard (absent), who would vote nay.

(Lieutenant Governor T. W. Davidson in the Chair.)

On motion of Senator Wood, the vote by which the substitute was lost, was reconsidered.

The substitute was then adopted, and the amendment as substituted, was adopted.

Senator Darwin offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend S. B. No. 4, page 8, line 14, by striking out the figures "\$27,000" for each year and insert in lieu thereof the figures "\$15,000" for each year.

Senator Burkett offered the following substitute for the amendment:

Amend S. B. No. 4, page 8, line 14, by striking out the figures "\$27,000.00—\$27,000.00" and insert in lieu thereof the figures "\$18,000.00."

The substitute was adopted and the amendment, as substituted, was then adopted.

Senator Strong offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend S. B. No. 4 by striking out all of line 10, page 8.

Senator Wood moved to table the amendment.

Yeas and nays were demanded, and the motion to table was lost by the following vote:

Yeas—13.

Baugh.	Ridgeway.
Bowers.	Rogers.
Clark.	Stuart.
Floyd.	Turner.
Lewis.	Witt.
McMillin.	Wood.
Rice.	

Nays—13.

Bailey.	Murphy.
Burkett.	Parr.
Cousins.	Strong.
Darwin.	Thomas.
Doyle.	Wirtz.
Fairchild.	Woods.
Holbrook.	

Absent.

Pollard	Watts.
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Absent—Excused.

Bledsoe.

Davis.

The question then recurred on the amendment.

Yeas and nays were demanded, and the amendment was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—13.

Bailey.	Murphy.
Burkett.	Parr.
Cousins.	Rogers.
Doyle.	Strong.
Fairchild.	Wirtz.
Floyd.	Woods.
Holbrook.	

Nays—11.

Baugh.	Ridgeway.
Bowers.	Stuart.
Clark.	Turner.
Lewis.	Witt.
McMillin.	Wood.
Rice.	

Absent.

Watts.

Absent—Excused.

Davis.

(Pairs Recorded.)

Senator Thomas (present), who would vote yea; with Senator Pollard (absent), who would vote nay.

Senator Darwin (present), who would vote yea; with Senator Bledsoe (absent), who would vote nay.

Senator Burkett offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend S. B. No. 4, page 8, line 11, by striking out the figures "\$6,000.00—\$6,000.00" and insert in lieu thereof the figures "\$4,000.00—\$4,000.00."

Senator Wood moved to table the amendment and the motion to table was lost.

Question then recurred on the amendment.

Yeas and nays were demanded, and the amendment was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—12.

Bailey.	Murphy.
Burkett.	Parr.
Cousins.	Rogers.
Darwin.	Strong.
Doyle.	Wirtz.
Holbrook.	Woods.

Nays—11.

Baugh.	Ridgeway.
Bowers.	Stuart.
Clark.	Turner.
Lewis.	Witt.
McMillin.	Wood.
Rice.	

Absent.

Fairchild.	Watts.
Floyd.	

Absent—Excused.

Bledsoe.	Davis.
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(Pair Recorded.)

Senator Thomas (present), who would vote yea; with Senator Pollard (absent), who would vote nay.

Senator Wood moved to reconsider the vote by which the amendment was adopted.

Senator Burkett moved to table the motion to reconsider.

Yeas and nays were demanded, and the motion to table was lost by the following vote:

Yeas—13.

Bailey.	Holbrook.
Burkett.	Murphy.
Cousins.	Parr.
Darwin.	Strong.
Doyle.	Thomas.
Fairchild.	Wirtz.
Floyd.	

Nays—13.

Baugh.	Rogers.
Bowers.	Stuart.
Clark.	Turner.
Lewis.	Witt.
McMillin.	Wood.
Rice.	Woods.
Ridgeway.	

Absent.

Pollard.	Watts.
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Absent—Excused.

Bledsoe.	Davis.
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Question then recurred on the motion to reconsider.

Yeas and nays were demanded, and the motion to reconsider prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—13.

Baugh.	McMillin.
Bowers.	Rice.
Clark.	Ridgeway.
Lewis.	Rogers.

Stuart.
Turner.
Witt.

Wood.
Woods.

Nays—12.

Bailey.	Floyd.
Burkett.	Holbrook.
Cousins.	Murphy.
Darwin.	Parr.
Doyle.	Strong.
Fairchild.	Wirtz.

Absent.

Watts.

Absent—Excused.

Bledsoe.

Davis.

(Pair Recorded.)

Senator Thomas (present), who would vote nay; with Senator Pollard (absent), who would vote yea.

Question then recurred on the amendment.

Yeas and nays were demanded, and the amendment was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—14.

The Chair.	Floyd.
Bailey.	Holbrook.
Burkett.	Murphy.
Cousins.	Parr.
Darwin.	Strong.
Doyle.	Thomas.
Fairchild.	Wirtz.

Nays—13.

Baugh.	Rogers.
Bowers.	Stuart.
Clark.	Turner.
Lewis.	Witt.
McMillin.	Wood.
Rice.	Woods.
Ridgeway.	

Absent.

Pollard.	Watts.
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Absent—Excused.

Bledsoe.	Davis.
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Senator Baugh offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend S. B. No. 4, page 8, line 6, by striking out wherever same occur the figures "\$9,500" and inserting in lieu thereof the figures "\$7,500."

The amendment was adopted.

Senator Burkett offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend S. B. No. 4, page 8, line 15, by striking out the figures "\$5,500—\$5,500" and insert in lieu thereof the figures "\$3,666.66—\$3,666.66."

Senator Wood offered the following substitute for the amendment:

Amend the pending amendment by striking out the figures "\$3,666.66" and inserting in lieu thereof "\$5,000—\$5,000."

The substitute was adopted; and the amendment as substituted was adopted.

The Department of the Adjutant General was then adopted.

The Department of the Board of Control was read.

Senator Burkett offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend S. B. No. 4, page 9, line 19, by striking out the figures "\$6,000.00—\$6,000.00" and insert in lieu thereof the figures "\$4,500.00—\$4,500.00."

Senator Wood moved to table the amendment.

Yeas and nays were demanded, and the motion to table prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—14.

The Chair.	Ridgeway.
Baugh.	Rogers.
Bowers.	Stuart.
Darwin.	Turner.
Lewis.	Witt.
McMillin.	Wood.
Rice.	Woods.

Nays—13.

Bailey.	Holbrook.
Burkett.	Murphy.
Clark.	Parr.
Cousins.	Strong.
Doyle.	Thomas.
Fairchild.	Wirtz.
Floyd.	

Absent.

Pollard.	Watts.
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Absent—Excused.

Bledsoe.	Davis.
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Senator Strong offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend S. B. No. 4, by striking out on page 9, all of lines 13, 15 and 18.

On motion of Senator Wood, the amendment was tabled.

H. C. R. No. 13.

The Chair laid before the Senate H. C. R. No. 13, inviting Senator Pat Harrison of Mississippi to address a joint session of the Legislature.

The resolution was read and adopted.

H. B. No. 77—Free Conference Committee Appointed.

Senator Wood moved that the Senate grant the request of the House for a Free Conference Committee on H. B. No. 77.

The motion was adopted.

In accordance with the above motion, the Chair (Lieutenant Governor T. W. Davidson) announced the appointment of the following committee on the part of the Senate: Senators Wood, Bailey, Burkett, Darwin and Parr.

Message from the House.

Hall of the House of Representatives,
Austin, Texas, June 6, 1923.

Hon. T. W. Davidson, President of the Senate.

Sir: I am directed by the House to inform the Senate that the House has passed the following bills:

H. C. R. No. 13, Inviting Hon. Pat Harrison, United States Senator from Mississippi, to address a joint session of the House and Senate.

House refuses to concur in Senate amendments to H. B. No. 35 and requests the appointment of a Free Conference Committee to adjust the differences between the two Houses. The following committee is appointed on part of the House: Price, Bonham, Melson, Stewart of Reeves, and Maxwell.

House refuses to concur in Senate amendments to H. B. No. 77, and requests the appointment of a Free Conference Committee to adjust the differences between the two Houses. The following committee is appointed on part of the House: Potter, Wallace, Abney, LeSturgeon, and Trasher.

H. B. No. 74, A bill to be entitled "An Act to appropriate four million dollars (\$4,000,000) out of the general funds of the State to aid all the public schools for the scholastic years beginning September 1, 1923,

and September 1, 1924, and ending August 31, 1924, and August 31, 1925, respectively, the same to be distributed as the available school funds are now distributed, and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 6, A bill to be entitled "An Act making appropriations to pay the salaries of officers and employes of certain eleemosynary institutions of the State and other expenses of maintaining and conducting them for the two fiscal years beginning September 1, 1923, and ending August 31, 1925, as follows, to-wit: Confederate Woman's Home; State Confederate Home; State Lunatic Asylum; State Pasteur Institute; Southwestern Insane Asylum; North Texas Hospital for the Insane; East Texas Hospital for the Insane; State Epileptic Colony; State Orphan's Home; State Institution for Training of Juveniles; Girls Training School; State Colony for Feeble Minded; State Tuberculosis Sanatorium; Hospital for Crippled Children; Deaf, Dumb, and Blind Institute for Colored Youths; Northwest Texas Insane Asylum; State Home for Dependent and Neglected Children; and declaring an emergency," with amendments.

S. B. No. 10, A bill to be entitled "An Act making appropriations to pay miscellaneous items on the taking effect of this Act, and declaring an emergency," with amendments.

Respectfully submitted,

C. L. PHINNEY,

Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

Bill Read and Referred.

The Chair (Lieutenant Governor T. W. Davidson) had referred, after its caption had been read, the following House bill:

H. B. No. 74, to the Committee on Finance

Adjournment.

On motion of Senator Wirtz, the Senate at 5:35 p. m. adjourned until 9:30 a. m. tomorrow.

APPENDIX.

Petitions and Memorials.

The Chair (Lieutenant Governor T. W. Davidson) had read a telegram

signed by Former Students' Association of Agricultural and Mechanical College, urging Legislature to make no further reduction in appropriation for Agricultural and Mechanical College.

Senator Strong sent up and had read a communication from Dan M. Foster, Carthage, protesting strongly against any cut in the appropriations for Agricultural and Mechanical College.

Committee Reports.

Senate Chamber,

Austin, Texas, June 5, 1923.

Hon. T. W. Davidson, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Enrolled Bills, have carefully compared S. B. No. 15, and find the same correctly enrolled and have this day at 10:45 o'clock a. m. presented the same to the Governor for his approval.

DARWIN, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, June 6, 1923.

Sir: We, your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 8, A bill to be entitled "An Act levying and providing for the payment of a State occupation tax on wholesale dealers of coal oil, fuel oil, naptha, benzine, gasoline or any other mineral oils refined from petroleum; requiring records to be kept, reports to be made and prescribing penalties for failure to comply with this Act, and permitting officials to inspect all records so kept; providing for venue and jurisdiction for collection of penalties, taxes and prosecutions, and declaring an emergency."

Have had same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, with an amendment reducing the tax to one-fourth of one per cent ($\frac{1}{4}$ of 1%), and that it be printed in the Journal.

WITT, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, June 6, 1923.

Hon. T. W. Davidson, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 11, A bill to be entitled

"An Act to amend Subdivision 5 of Article 7618 of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1911, as amended by Chapter 124, page 190, General Laws, Regular Session, Thirty-fourth Legislature, approved March 22, 1915, pertaining to the collection of delinquent and insolvent taxes and making reports of same by county tax collectors.

Have had same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed in the Journal.

WITT, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, June 6, 1923.

Hon. T. W. Davidson, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 12, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 7629 of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1911, pertaining to credits allowed tax collectors for unpaid taxes reported or returned by them as delinquent or insolvent."

Have had same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be printed in the Journal.

WITT, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, June 6, 1923.

Hon. T. W. Davidson, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 60, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Article 7542 as amended by the Acts of 1897, defining the duties of the tax assessor and his deputies; prescribing an oath to be administered to the tax payers and those who render property for taxation and providing a penalty for failure to comply with the requirements of this Act."

Have had same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

TURNER, Chairman.

FIFTEENTH DAY.

Senate Chamber,

Austin, Texas,

Thursday, June 7, 1923.

The Senate met at 9:30 o'clock a. m., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by Lieutenant Governor T. W. Davidson.

The roll was called, a quorum being present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Baugh.	Pollard.
Bowers.	Rice.
Burkett.	Ridgeway.
Clark.	Rogers.
Darwin.	Strong.
Fairchild.	Stuart.
Floyd.	Thomas.
Holbrook.	Turner.
Lewis.	Wirtz.
McMillin.	Wood.
Parr.	Woods.

Absent.

Bailey.	Watts.
Cousins.	Witt.
Murphy.	

Absent—Excused.

Bledsoe.	Doyle.
Davis.	

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Pending the reading of the Journal of yesterday, the same was dispensed with on motion of Senator Clark.

(See Appendix for committee reports, petitions and memorials.)

Excused.

Senator Doyle for today and until Monday, on account of important business, on motion of Senator Strong.

Bills on First Reading.

The following bills, introduced today, were read first time and referred to appropriate committees as follows:

By Senator Clark:

S. B. No. 20, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing for the supervision and regulation of the transportation of persons and property for compensation or hire over any pub-